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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF R.I.

3/25/22

TO, The Powers That Be,

I Ms. Kontes am writing today  
in response to the Notice sent to me on  
3-24-22 with a (7) day deadline.

As a transsexual woman, I highly de-  
pend on federal & State Laws to protect &  
defend me as well as myself, As an  
inmate & a transsexual inmate, I strongly  
depend on the protections of the RoI, DOC  
and its system set in place, through  
Policy & Prisoners Rights as well as the  
Correctional staff of all levels, these policies  
are set in place, Not to just protect, defend  
and uphold the rights of a prisoner, but to  
also do that for all DOC staff.

The actions of Mr. Walter Duffy (Cpt.)  
were and are unacceptable and against all  
policy procedures, Mr. Duffy took an oath  
to uphold the rule of law and to honor his  
position as an officer of the RoI, DOC and  
to completely follow the Policies.

Mr. Duffy retaliated against me for a legal  
complaint I filed against an officer's, by actions  
that became a "Campaign of Harassment".

I began to have discipline reports filed after  
my effort to seek legal & advocacy help began,  
these reports were due to my filing of the Section  
1983 Claim my actions are "Protected Conduct"

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as part of my First Amendment Rights, <sup>3</sup>  
 What Mr. Duffy has done and treated me  
 coursed me to limit ~~my~~ my legal actions <sup>3</sup> pursue  
 a path on getting transfered to a different  
 facility, i was at the point of stopping my  
 suit, which was "Averse Action" and Mr.  
 Duffy's actions and order's prove a  
 "Causal Connection" and was directly related to  
 my "protected Conduct". The order's to place me in  
 Segregation <sup>3</sup> on Administrative Restrictive Status  
 were efforts to stop, prevent and limit me to  
 have access to the law library and legal research,  
 i was not allowed my copies of this case  
 in Segregation due to not receiving approval  
 of Mr. Duffy. The discipline reports against me  
 would of never happened to any other inmate  
 with these allegations against me. This is  
 also a violation of my due process Rights as  
 a prisoner. Mr. Duffy's retaliation against me  
 go's beyond just this, per-Mr. Duffy my legal  
 mail to the A.C.L.U. was pulled from the  
 outgoing mail for inspection See Attach #1-#3.  
 Mr. Duffy did not follow DOC policies #9.49-4  
 on retaliation, Mr. Duffy violated the Officer's  
 Code of Ethics # 3.14 Doc, Mr. Duffy violated  
 my equal Protection Rights with discrimination  
 and retaliation against a LGBTQIA 8-20 person,  
 All of Mr. Duffy's action are small but add

↓ otherside

To a campaign of Harassment.

- 1.) Removal of Job & Phone use to Legal counsel
- 2.) Interception of legal mail which allowed Mr. Duffy to gain an advantage as a defendant in ~~this case~~ case by interfering with legal material that were confidential
- 3.) The notice Mr. Duffy sent to the administration in the attemp to disregard my complaint. Violation of my due process rights, 1<sup>st</sup> Amend' Rights, Deliberate ~~in~~ indifference all falls under Mr. Duffy's actions & orders.

"The Transgender Respect, Agency and Dignity Act"

The legislature finds and declares all of the following (B.) The United States Supreme Court recognized that incarcerated individuals are particularly vulnerable to sexual Abuse & harassment and that disregarding the known risk to a Transgender woman constitutes ~~deliberate~~ deliberate indifference in violation of the Federal Constitution.

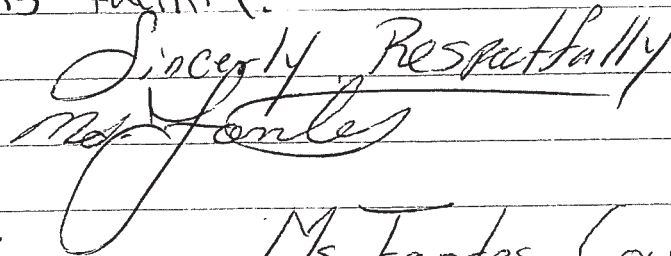
Grimm v. Gloucester Cty. Sch. Bd., 972 F.3d 586 "4th Cir. 2020

SmithKline Beecham corp. v Abbott Labs, 740 F.3d 471 "9th Cir. 2014.

The court found (actual injury) based on the advantage defendant's gained by reading the plaintiff's confidential legal material.

When my legal Documents were taken for review by Cpt. Mr. Duffy. Retaliation & intimidation tactics are a clear violation of my rights as a individual & a Transsexual woman. What damages i am seeking are valid due to Mr. Duffy's conduct and it's not just about a financial settlement, it's also about having responsibility and the accountability of the conduct Mr. Duffy took against. The action of Mr. Duffy still to date have effects on me mentally and physically. My right to mental health in a timely manner was denied due to Mr. Duffy. Retaliation is a big part that needs attention Gomez v. Vernon, 255 F.3d 1118 9th Cir. 2001.

I pray this honorable Court takes in to consideration all the rights of a prisoner & the rights of a Trans woman in a men's Facility.

Sincerely, Respectfully  


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Please Note: Pronoun use she/her